Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will it not be possible to raise the pay a little more say by one rupee ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Their pay has been increased by Re. 1.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will it not be possible to increase it by another one rupee ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No at present.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Has not the work of the Anchal Peons increased very much because of the introduction of the Anchal Hundies and the payment of money orders ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* For extra work, extra men have been appointd.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even the existing hands have got more work.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact a temporary increase has been allowed.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has the Government enquired whether the Anchal Peons are able to deliver all the letters given to them the very same day.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If there is too much of work the remedy is to appoint more peons. Giving them something more to do something which they cannot do will not solve the problem,

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not the Post Offices working side by side with the Anchal Offices in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any enquiry been made as to what the peons of the Postal Department are being paid ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is difference in the grades of pay of officers of this State and that of British India, and it may not be possible for Government to make the pay equal.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether any enquiry has been made as to what they are drawing ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

BEGGAR RELIEF FUND—APPLICATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION

14. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received application for contribution from the Beggar Relief Fund;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number of such applications and the individuals and institutions who have submitted such applications ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Mother Superior, House of Providence, Ernakulam.

(2) President, the Waifs and Strays Relief Association, Ernakulam.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government have enquired whether these people are keeping any beggar homes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have not gone into that question because there are no funds now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has all the 50,000 rupees finished?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is almost finished.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When were these applications received.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Immediately after the Committee began to function.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any reply been given to them ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What will be the balance now in hand.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be about 2 to 3 thousand rupees.

15. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of applications received for contribution from the prospective Beggar Relief Fund;

(*b*) the names of institutions or individuals ?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Two.

(*b*) (*i*) Mother Superior, House of Providence, Ernakulam.

(*ii*) President, the Waifs and Strays Relief Association, Ernakulam.

COCHIN-KANAYANNUR TREASURY—ACCOMMODATION FOR

16. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):*

(1) (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the inadequate housing conditions of the treasury at Cochin-Kanayannur;

(*b*) will Government be pleased to inform the length and breadth of the room in which the Samprathi and other clerks are housed now;

(*ii*) the number of hands employed in that room;

(*iii*) the number of tables placed in the room for the treasury work;

(*iv*) the number of chairs and almirahs in the room;

(*c*) will Government be pleased to state whether the room has been inspected by any officer of the Health Department to see whether the present working conditions there would affect the health and well-being of the hands employed there;

(2) whether there is sufficient ventilation to allow breeze to play in the room and whether there is any punkah provided to cool and ventilate the room in the hot weather?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 22'—6" x 20'—6".

(*ii*) 2 Samprathies, 9 Accountants and 3 peons.

(*iii*) 13.

(*iv*) 12 chairs and 3 almirahs.

(*c*) No. Public Offices are not generally inspected by Officers of the Public Health Department.

(2) There is no free ventilation for want of windows on the eastern side. There are no punkahs.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know what is the usual space allowed for one individual officer?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no such rule so far as I know.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I am putting the question to the Hon'ble Member for Public Works—What is the space allotted to individuals in public offices?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* It depends upon the size of the officers. *(Laughter).*

Mr. President: I suggest that the answer to that question is: a certain amount of research is required; and I think the Hon'ble Member may well give notice of that question. *(Laughter).*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the amount of space given in the Jail for each individual. There must be a rule for that.

Mr. President: I am afraid even the most learned Government officer cannot carry every regulation in his head.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do the Government say whether the space is adequate or inadequate? The answer to the question is "yes".

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Inadequate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any arrangement been made to give relief.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Additional accommodation is attempted to be given.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know how long has this office been working in these surroundings?

Mr. A Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* This office has been working for a long time. But the number of officers has been increased only very recently. The number till about three months back was not this. Since then the number has been increased by 4 or 5 and the accommodation has become inadequate.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the treasury was not housed in the premises now occupied by the Central Bank?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* At that time the shroffing was also part of treasury work.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* How many were there in the shroffing department?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

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